

The FCC needs to loosen up and stop the heavy-handed, selective enforcement of outdated rules.

Certain late-night TV shows, such as NYPD Blue, get away with breaking a lot of the broadcasting standards. On the other hand, the FCC practices selective enforcement by censoring Howard Stern for his "suggestive" use of language (not using forbidden words), and punishing Janet Jackson for exposing part of her body.

My greatest fear is that while over 200,000 people protested Janet Jackson's exposure on national television, that there is a large, persecuted, silent majority who was not offended at all.

Why is it fine for an adult to look at a woman's breast, or for a child to see his mother's breast, yet somehow this same part of a woman's body becomes shameful if shown on certain television shows and not others?

Why are nudity or language standards enforced on television at all, when one can simply turn to cable and it's all there?

Who are we protecting? Children see and hear these things growing up, why are we pretending to shield them from knowing about certain parts of the body or specific words or type of language?

In truth I feel that the FCC is clinging to Puritanical values in trying to enforce Victorian-era rules of decency.

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